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Alzheimer's/Dementia

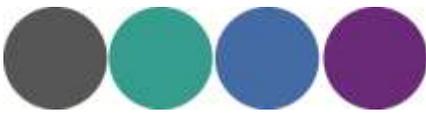
[New dementia-friendly sport and physical activity guide \(England\)](#)

A guide to dementia-friendly sport and physical activity has been launched by Alzheimer's Society and Sport England. Designed to provide a better knowledge of dementia and how it affects people, the guide is intended to help the sport and physical activity sector to support and empower people who are living with dementia to lead active lives and remain independent for as long as possible.

Care Homes/Care at Home

[Advance notice of residential care charging changes](#)

The Scottish Government has published a letter giving advance notice of changes to residential care charging for 2019/20, as reported by Scottish Care. The letter highlights the uprating of the Free Personal and Nursing Care rates from 1 April 2019 and the Personal Expenses Allowance and Capital Limits and Savings Disregard for residential care charging from 8 April 2019. A working group has been established to review the current Charging for Residential Accommodation Guidance. The publication for 2019 will follow, to be fully reviewed over the coming year for its 2020 publication.



[Provider withdraws from Aberdeen care home](#)

The provider of the Banks O'Dee care home in Aberdeen has announced it is to withdraw from the operating the facility, the BBC reports. Four Seasons Health Care plans to withdraw from running the facility in four weeks and will work with the Care Inspectorate and Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership to find an alternative provider. The Banks O'Dee home has 49 residents and 53 permanent staff, plus agency workers.

[Glasgow care home fined after stair fall](#)

A Glasgow care home has been fined £60,000 under the Health and Safety at Work Act, the BBC reports. The sentence comes after Margaret Young, an 83 year old who lived with Alzheimer's, fell down stairs leading to a boiler room at Kinning Park Care Home in Glasgow. She died from her injuries two weeks later.

Domestic Abuse

[Council first in Europe to give 'safe leave' to domestic abuse victims](#)

South Ayrshire Council is believed to be the first in Europe to introduce a new 'safe leave' policy – inspired by New Zealand's Domestic Violence Victims Protection Bill – that will give employees paid time off to get the help and support they need for themselves and their families. It will now be incorporated into the Council's Special Leave Policy, providing employees experiencing domestic abuse with up to 10 days' paid safe leave, which can be used as required – based on the individual's needs. The leave will allow employees to attend medical appointments and counselling, attend legal proceedings, seek safe housing and visit support agencies.

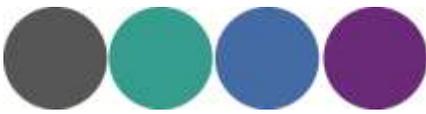
[Scottish Government highlights domestic abuse consultation](#)

Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People Shirley-Anne Somerville has highlighted the ongoing consultation on improving multi-agency risk assessment and interventions for victims of domestic abuse, during a visit to Women's Aid Western Isles. The consultation, which looks at the way that police, local authorities, health and social care, the third sector and other relevant organisations work together to assess the risk of the most serious levels of harm, will close on 1 April. It is hoped the consultation will identify best practice that can be shared and whether there is a need for a more consistent approach across the country.

Infection Prevention and Control

[Committee to look at health hazards in the healthcare environment](#)

A short inquiry into health hazards within the healthcare environment has been launched by a Scottish Parliament Committee. The Health and Sport Committee is seeking to identify the scale of any health problems acquired from the healthcare environment in Scotland while also considering the wider implications for health facilities across Scotland. The Committee will hold an evidence session on 19 March



with Health Facilities Scotland, Health Protection Scotland, the Healthcare Environment Inspectorate and the Health and Safety Executive. The Committee

Justice

[Management of Offenders Bill passed by MSPs at Stage 1](#)

A Bill designed to ensure more effective electronic monitoring of offenders and reduce the length of time most people with convictions have to disclose their offending history has been given initial backing by MSPs. Provisions in the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill include the expansion of the current electronic monitoring regime, including facilitating the introduction of new technologies, and a reduction in the length of time during which people have to disclose their offending history, while “still protecting public safety”. The Bill will now move to Stage 2 amendments and debate.

Learning Disability

[Consultation on mandatory learning disability and autism training \(England\)](#)

The UK Government is consulting on mandatory learning disability and autism training for health and social care staff. The consultation, which closes on 12 April, seeks views on training and developing staff to better support people with a learning disability or autism.

Older People

[Charities launch advice guide on housing for older veterans](#)

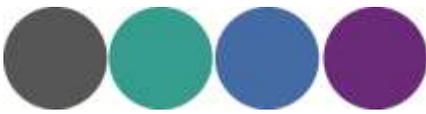
A guide to inform older veterans of their housing options has been launched by Age Scotland and Housing Options Scotland. The advice guide, which can be ordered for free via the Age Scotland helpline, is aimed at any military veteran age 65 and older who has completed at least one day’s Regular or Reserve service in HM Forces.

[Care Inspectorate launches Bringing Generations Together resource](#)

A new Care Inspectorate resource is encouraging care services across Scotland to bring together younger and older people for everyone’s benefit. Bringing Generations Together is designed to give care services ideas on how to bring generations together in a variety of care settings in a way that improves the quality of their lives. It boasts examples from across the country of how people of different age groups can develop meaningful relationships and enjoy a rich variety of experiences.

[Seminar report published on the future for social care for older people](#)

Scotland’s Future Forum has published the event report of its session on the future of social care for older people. In conjunction with the Scottish Parliament’s Health and Sport Committee, the event brought together a diverse range of people to discuss issues relating to an ageing population, challenges in public finances and changes in aspirations and expectations. The report summarises the main points to



come out from the day, including the importance of taking a whole system and community approach; the need to reconnect people, including those providing care, with their communities; the need to put older people on the public health agenda; and the importance of changing society's value of older people, those who care for them and social care in general.

[Charity calls for Government to take back responsibility for funding free TV licences](#)

Age Scotland Chief Executive Brian Sloan has appeared on Good Morning Scotland suggesting the UK Government should take back responsibility for funding free TV licences for everyone over 75. In 2020, this entitlement from the UK Government will end and the BBC have been handed responsibility for providing this entitlement, or not. A public consultation on funding options for the future closed on 12 February.

Social Work

[SASW calls for social workers to be exempt from workplace parking levy](#)

The Scottish Association of Social Work (SASW) has written to Finance Secretary Derek Mackay calling for an exemption to the proposed workplace parking levy for social workers. The proposed levy is part of a range of measures announced in the Scottish Government's agreement with the Green Party regarding the draft Budget. SASW National Director Trish Hall argues in her letter that there should be consistency between NHS workers and social workers in application of the levy.

[Practice framework and handbook to support a strengths-based approach \(England\)](#)

A practice framework and handbook to support social workers and social care professionals in applying a strengths-based approach has been published by the UK Government. The resource follows a 2017 report on a strengths-based social work practice workshop.

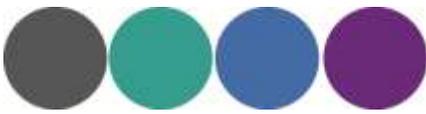
Other Health and Social Care

[Gordon Paterson appointed Chief Officer of Perth and Kinross HSCP](#)

Chief Inspector (Adult Services) Gordon Paterson has been appointed as Chief Officer of Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP). Gordon will take up the new post at the end of March.

[New recruitment campaign for adult social care \(England\)](#)

A new recruitment campaign to help fill the 110,000 vacancies in the adult social care sector has been launched by the UK Government. The Every Day is Different campaign will show how rewarding social care careers can be, while highlighting the opportunities for progression and professional development. Over 1.45 million people work in the sector at the moment, however it is predicted an additional 650,000 workers will be required by 2035.



Other

[Concern over 'disrespectful conduct' in devolved public bodies](#)

“Disrespectful conduct”, including bullying, harassment or disrespectful language, is more widespread in local health boards and Integrated Joint Boards (IJBs) than in other types of public bodies, according to a new report from the Standards Commission for Scotland. Also of note, over 40% of board members would be “very” or “somewhat” reluctant to make a complaint about a fellow board member, while nearly a third said their board did not have a culture of collective responsibility. The report presents the findings of almost 300 responses the Commission received to a survey issued to members of devolved public bodies. The Commission will now share their findings with the Scottish Government to help inform their induction and training programme for board members and Chairs of devolved public bodies.

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